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48. The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having a polygonal cross-sectional configuration with a length of 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

53. The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having a substantially circular cross-sectional configuration and a diameter of 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

54. The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having a square cross-sectional configuration with a width of 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

55. The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having an elliptical shape and a major axes of 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

56. The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having an elliptical shape and a minor axes of 0.5 inches to 2 inches.

Please add claims 57 and 58.

57. The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having a rectangular shape with a length of about 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

58. The method of fluid distribution of claim 47, including a step of utilizing ceramic filter units having a rectangular shape with a width of about 0.5 inches to 3 inches.

Response to Advisory Action Detailed Action

Support for the revised claim 48 can be found on page 6, lines 13 – 14 ("Polygonal cross-sectional configurations used may include sides having lengths of about 1/8 to 3 inches."). Revised claim 53 is supported by the specification on page 6, lines 14 – 15 ("substantially circular cross-sectional configurations of about ¼ to 3 inch diameters"). Support for revised claim 54 can be found on page 6, lines 16 – 17 ("square cross-sectional configurations of about ¼ to 3 inches"). Claims 55 and 56 are supported by the specification on page 6, lines 15 – 16 ("ellipses having minor axes of about ¼ to 2 and major axes ranging from about 3/8 to 3 inches"). The support in the specification for the newly added claims 57 and 58 can be found on

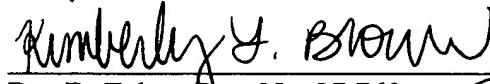
page 6, lines 17 – 18 (“rectangles having lengths of about $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 inches, and widths of about $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 inches”). The claims have been amended to conform “size” to its type of size or dimension and to the particular shapes that are claimed, as clearly set forth in the specification. Based upon the examples provided within the specification, applicant submits that adequate support exists within the specification to support claims 48 and 53 - 56, as amended, and the new claims 57 – 58.

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of all of the claims are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing Amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 46 and all of the claims dependent thereon are allowable, and Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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